

days, some of us seem to have forgotten why we are here—to cut unnecessary spending. Yes, there will always be differences of opinion as to priorities, but the fundamental commitment to reassess every Federal program and reduce Federal expenditures must be paramount.

I am pleased the Democratic leader and I have reached agreement, supported by our colleagues, that will enable us to help keep our promise to the American people. In the amendment, a very limited number of programs which Members on both sides of the aisle support, have received smaller reductions in their rate of increase. At the same time, the amendment also contains a number of items that will result in additional savings being achieved. Most important to this Senator, overall the amendment will result in additional deficit reduction.

As a result of this amendment, the package we will send to the conference will contain approximately \$16 billion in savings. I repeat, \$16 billion—that's not over 2 years or 5 years, that's this year.

For all those who supported a balanced budget—rest assured we are committed to achieving that goal even if it means making some tough choices. Of course, the real hard decisions have yet to be made. And, we will not be deterred by the hue and cry of the last few days about all the so-called terrible things the Republicans have proposed. This bill is certainly progress, but we still have a long way to go. While I am pleased we were finally able to reach consensus—I caution everyone that the real hard choices are yet to come.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to further amendment. If there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment of the amendments and the third reading of the bill.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, if I could have my colleagues' attention.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be in order.

The majority leader.

Mr. DOLE. It is my understanding there will be no requests for a vote on either side on the defense supplemental bill, no request for a vote on the contract board, the District of Columbia, no request for a record vote on child pornography, and the paperwork simplification conference report is done, and other wrap-up material with only minor changes in the Constitution.

But I just say for my colleagues, it will be our intention at 1 o'clock on Monday, April 24, to begin consideration of H.R. 956, the product liability bill, and following disposition of product liability it will be my intention to proceed to S. 652, the telecommuni-

cations bill. Votes could occur during Monday's session of the Senate but will not occur prior to the hour of 3 p.m. on Monday, April 24.

Mr. CHAFEE. How about tonight?

Mr. DOLE. This will be the last vote until hopefully April 24, after 3 p.m. There could be votes after 3 p.m. If we should decide in the interim there will be no votes, we will try to notify you the earliest possible time before you are in the air.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall it pass? On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce [Ms. MIKULSKI] as necessarily absent.

I further announce that if present and voting, [Ms. MIKULSKI] would vote "nay".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall vote No. 132 Leg.]

#### YEAS—99

Abraham	Feingold	Lott
Akaka	Feinstein	Lugar
Ashcroft	Ford	Mack
Baucus	Frist	McCain
Bennett	Glenn	McConnell
Biden	Gorton	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Graham	Moynihan
Bond	Gramm	Murkowski
Boxer	Grams	Murray
Bradley	Grassley	Nickles
Breaux	Gregg	Nunn
Brown	Harkin	Packwood
Bryan	Hatch	Pell
Bumpers	Hatfield	Pressler
Burns	Heflin	Pryor
Byrd	Helms	Reid
Campbell	Hollings	Robb
Chafee	Hutchison	Rockefeller
Coats	Inhofe	Roth
Cochran	Inouye	Santorum
Cohen	Jeffords	Sarbanes
Conrad	Johnston	Shelby
Coverdell	Kassebaum	Simon
Craig	Kempthorne	Simpson
D'Amato	Kennedy	Smith
Daschle	Kerrey	Snowe
DeWine	Kerry	Specter
Dodd	Kohl	Stevens
Dole	Kyl	Thomas
Domenici	Lautenberg	Thompson
Dorgan	Leahy	Thurmond
Exon	Levin	Warner
Faircloth	Lieberman	Wellstone

#### NOT VOTING—1

Mikulski

So the bill (H.R. 1158), as amended, was passed.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the enrolling clerk, in making technical and clerical corrections to the bill, may insert all amendments that have been adopted to

the committee substitute at appropriate places in the Senate amendment to the House bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATFIELD. I move that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to; and the Presiding Officer (Mr. ASHCROFT) appointed Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. MURRAY.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], and the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM].

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-151, appoints the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] as a member and Chairman of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, appoints the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], vice the Senator from Ohio [Mr. METZENBAUM], to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, in accordance with Public Law 99-498, section 1505(a)(1)(B)(ii), appoints the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, in accordance with Public Law 99-498, section 1505(a)(1)(B)(ii), appoints the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a